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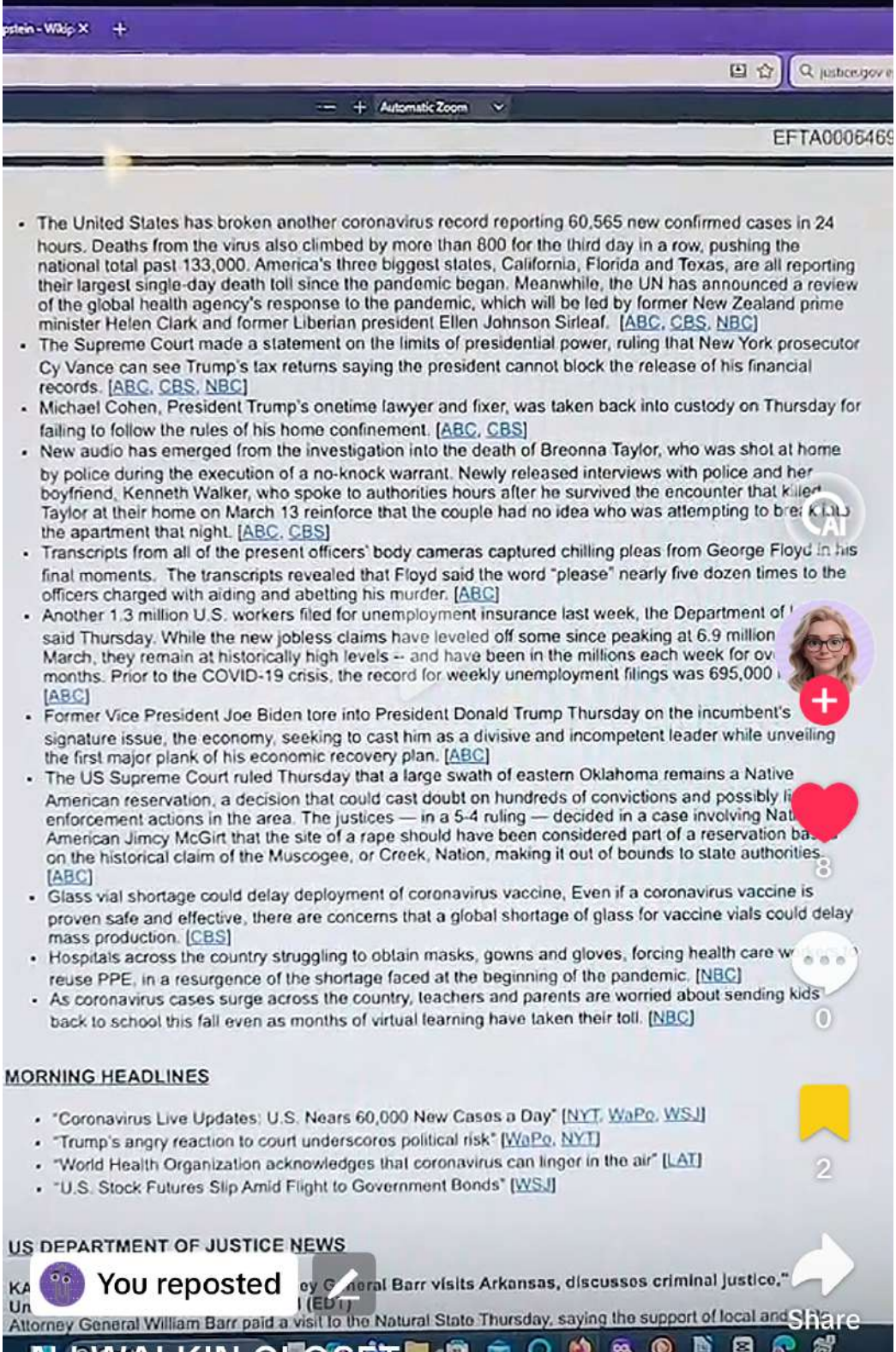
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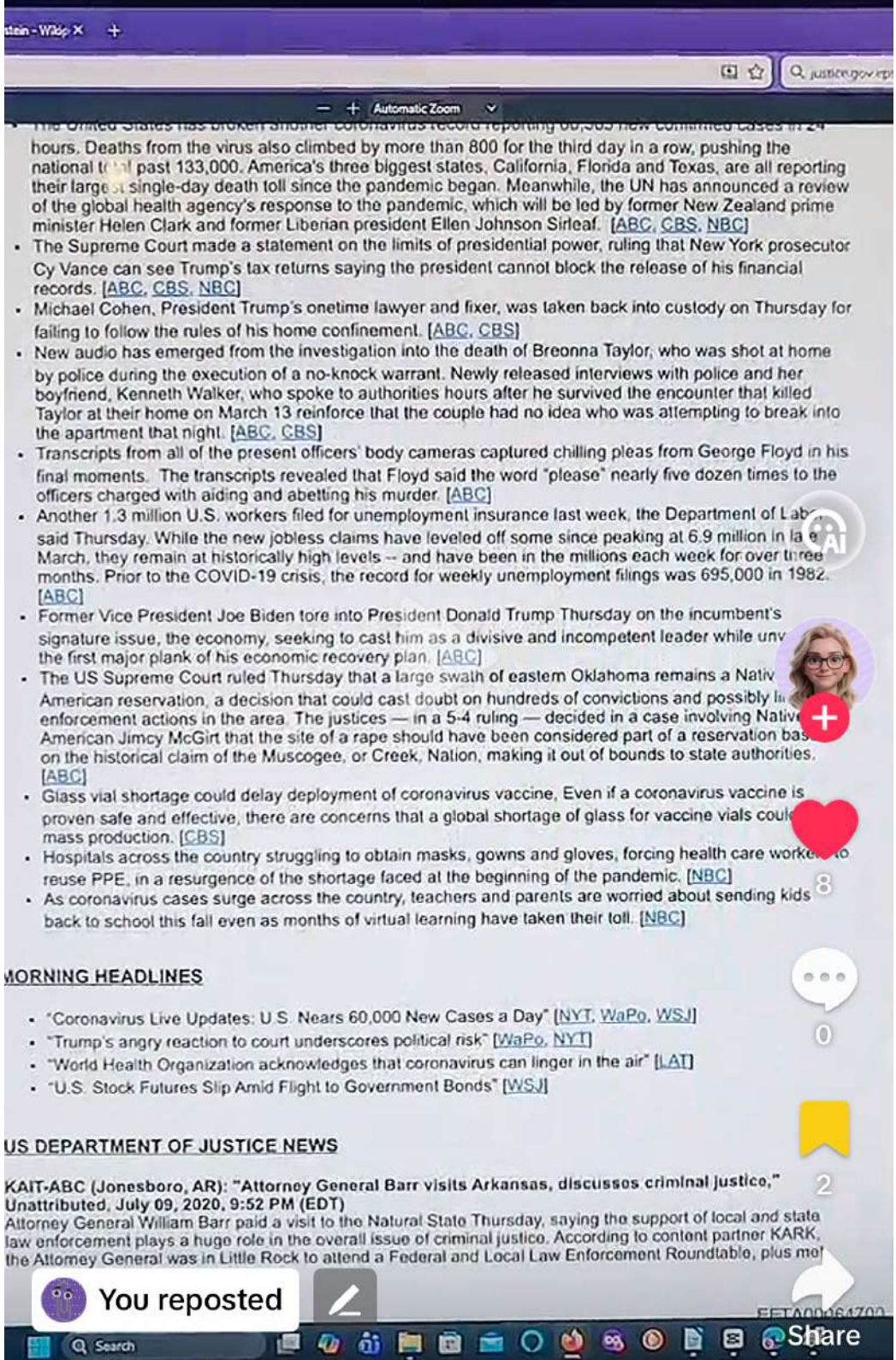

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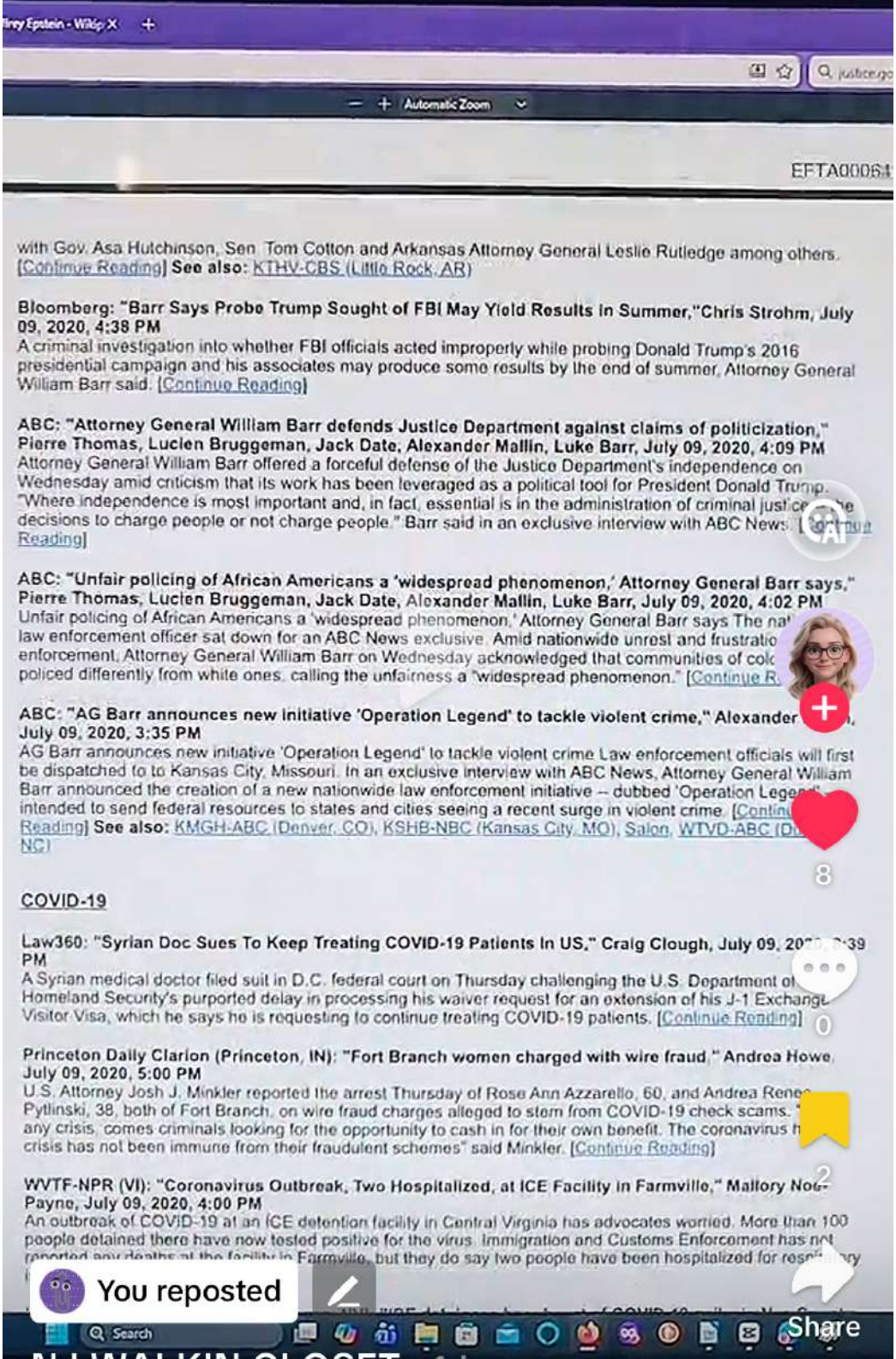

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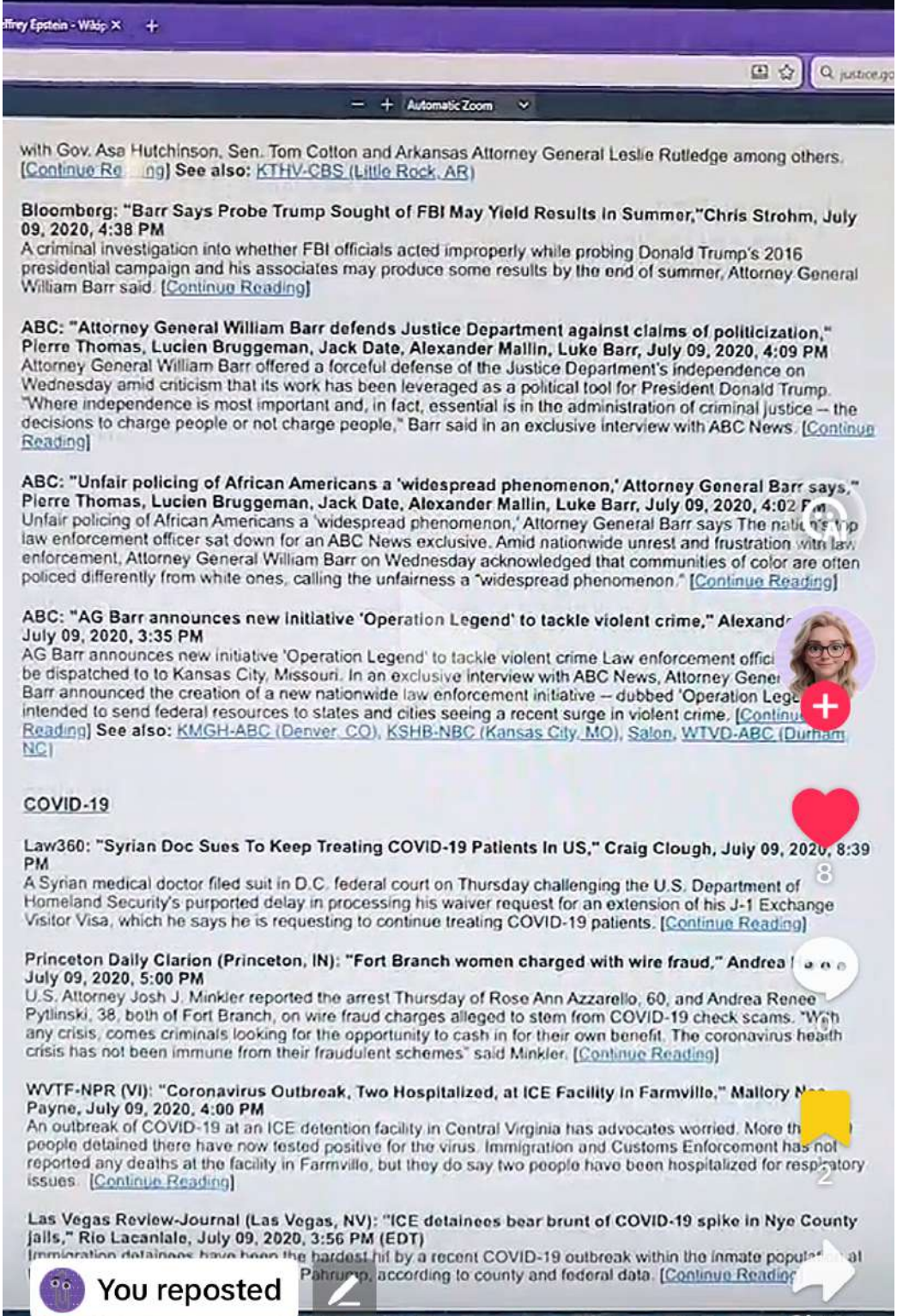

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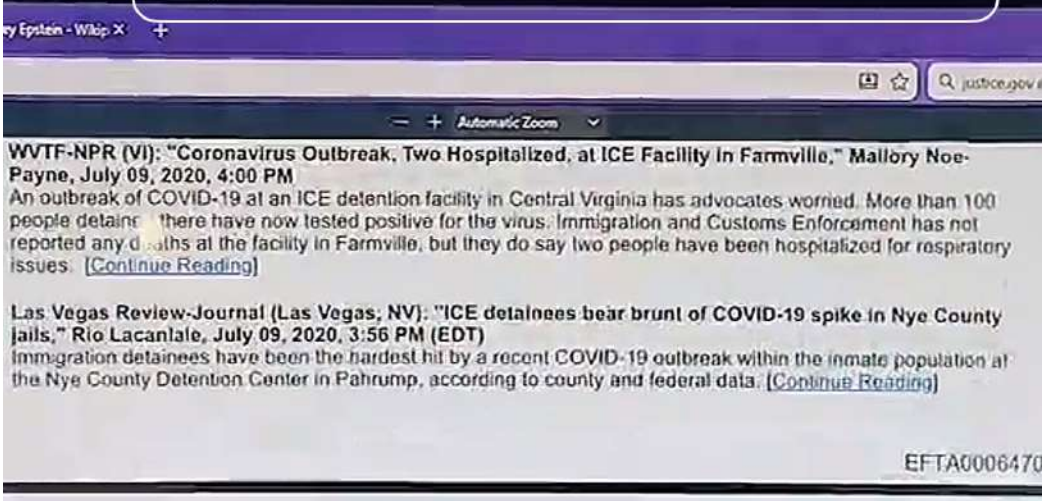

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The FBI says a man made his escape in a convertible after robbing an Albuquerque bank Thursday mo They say he showed a handgun and demanded money from a teller at Bank of the West inside the Smith 4th near Montano around 10:20 a.m. He left in a white Ford Mustang convertible with no license plates [Continue Reading]

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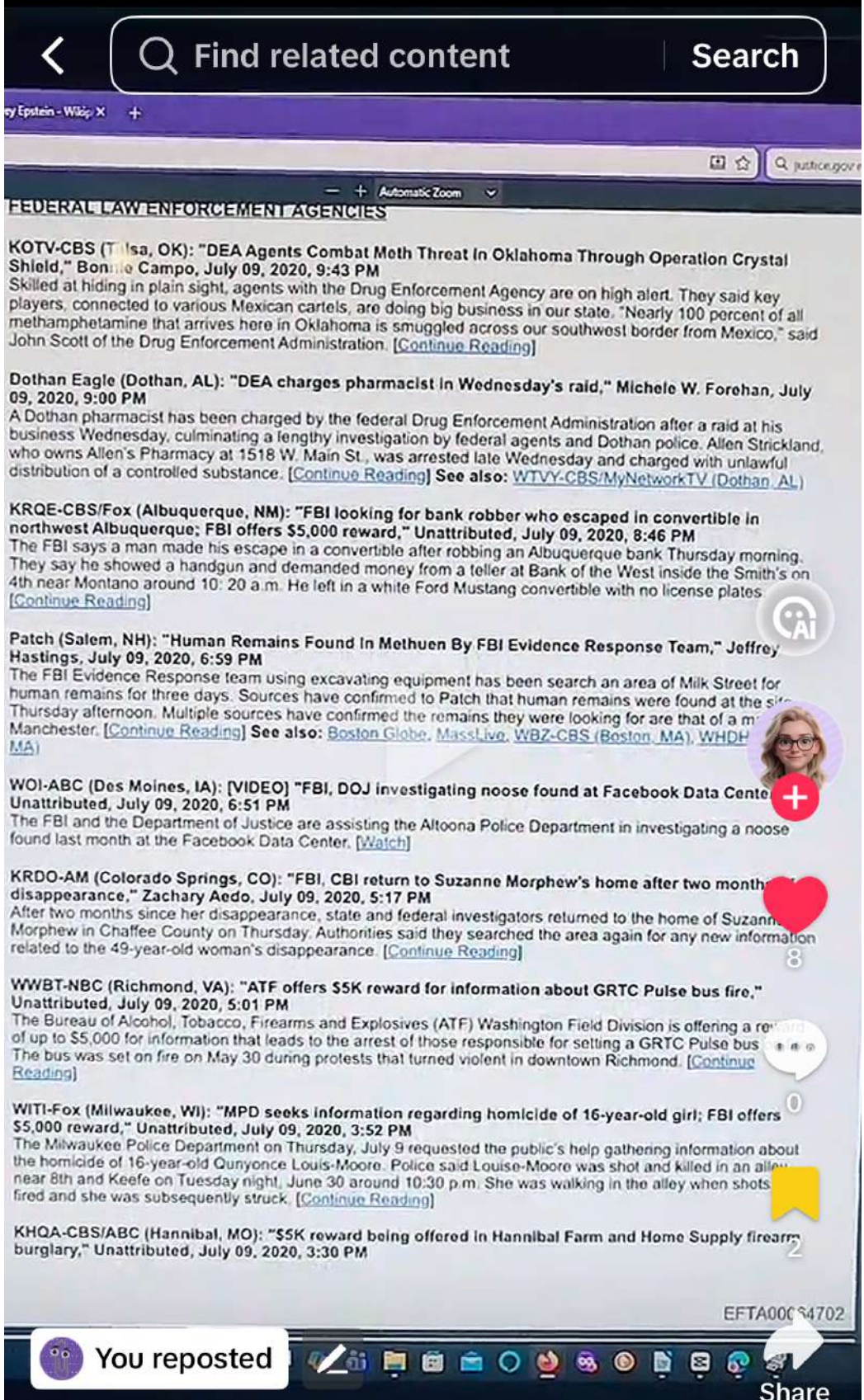

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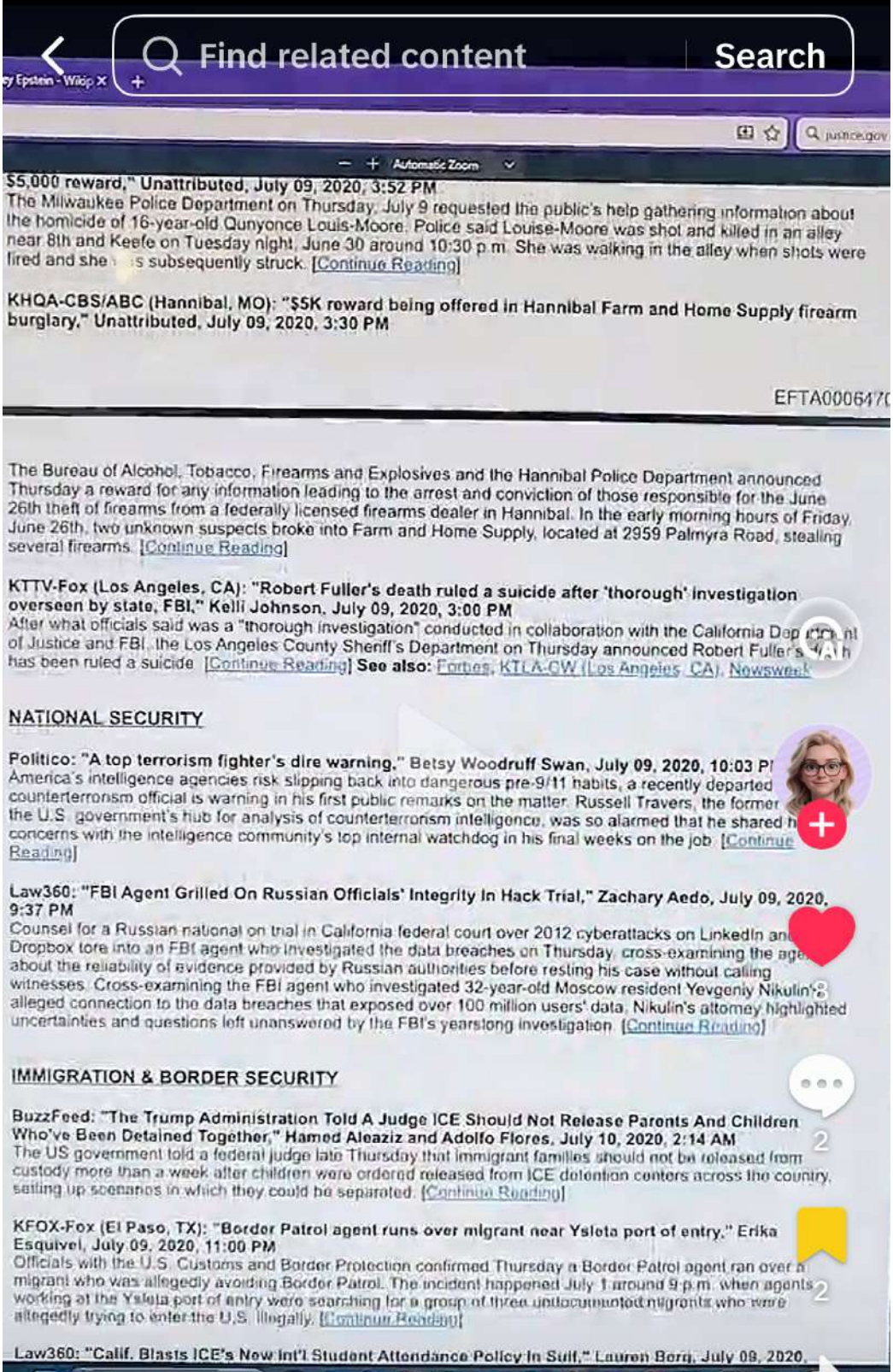

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KTTV-Fox (Los Angeles, CA): "Robert Fuller's death ruled a suicide after 'thorough' investigation overseen by state, FBI," Kelli Johnson, July 09, 2020, 3:00 PM
After what officials said was a "thorough investigation" conducted in collaboration with the California Department of Justice and FBI, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on Thursday announced Robert Fuller's death has been ruled a suicide. [Continue Reading] **See also:** Forbes, KTLA-CW (Los Angeles, CA), Newsweek

NATIONAL SECURITY

Politico: "A top terrorism fighter's dire warning," Betsy Woodruff Swan, July 09, 2020, 10:03 PM
America's intelligence agencies risk slipping back into dangerous pre-9/11 habits, a recently departed counterterrorism official is warning in his first public remarks on the matter. Russell Travers, the former head of the U.S. government's hub for analysis of counterterrorism intelligence, was so alarmed that he shared his concerns with the intelligence community's top internal watchdog in his final weeks on the job. [Continue Reading]

Law360: "FBI Agent Grilled On Russian Officials' Integrity In Hack Trial," Zachary Aedo, July 09, 2020, 9:37 PM
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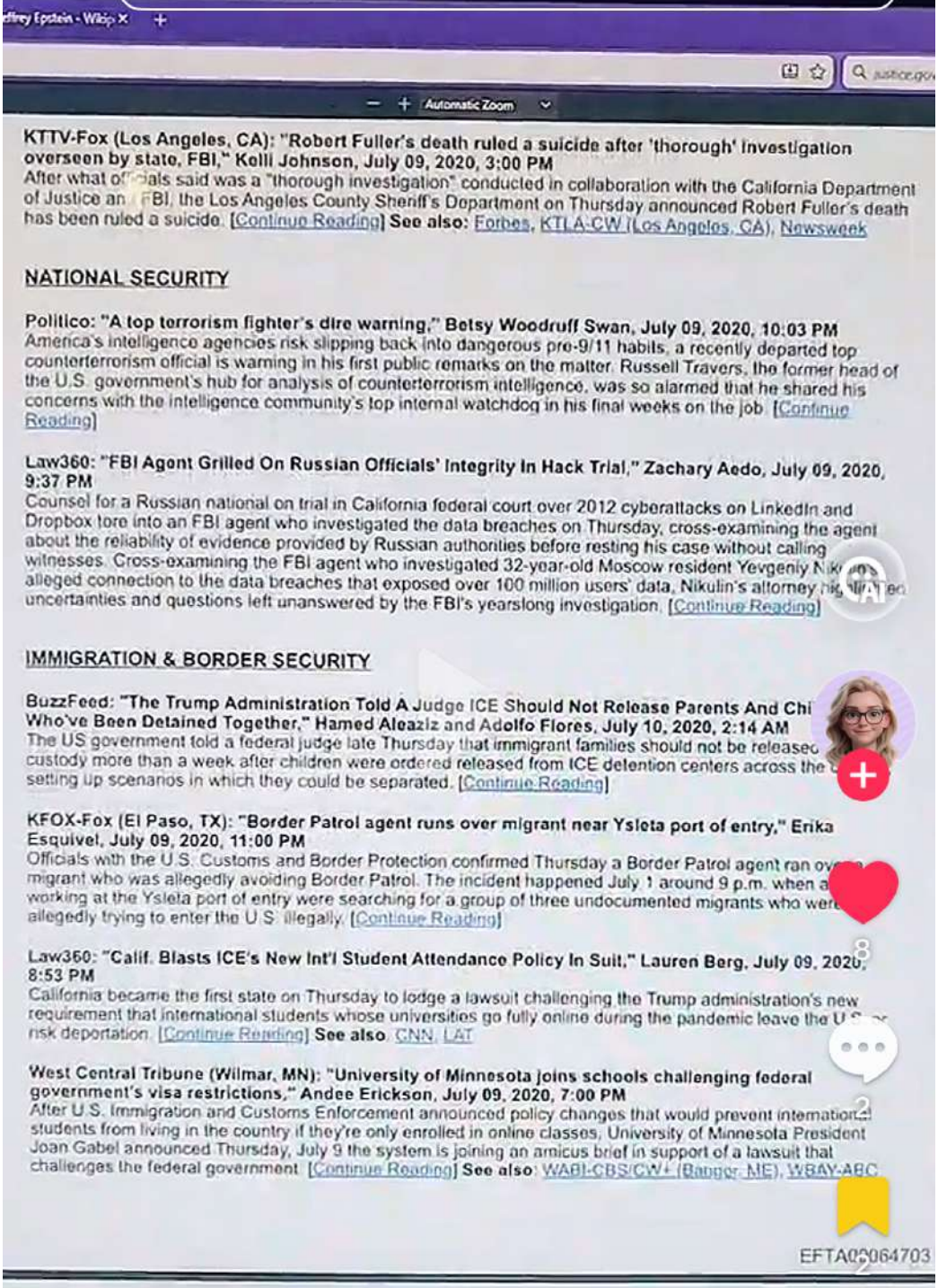

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America's intelligence agencies risk slipping back into dangerous pre-9/11 habits, a recently departed top counterterrorism official is warning in his first public remarks on the matter. Russell Travers, the former head of the U.S. government's hub for analysis of counterterrorism intelligence, was so alarmed that he shared his concerns with the intelligence community's top internal watchdog in his final weeks on the job. [Continue Reading]

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After U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced policy changes that would prevent international students from living in the country if they're only enrolled in online classes, University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel announced Thursday, July 9 the system is joining an amicus brief in support of a lawsuit that challenges the federal government. [Continue Reading] See also: WABI-CBS/CW+ (Bangor, ME), WBAY-ABC

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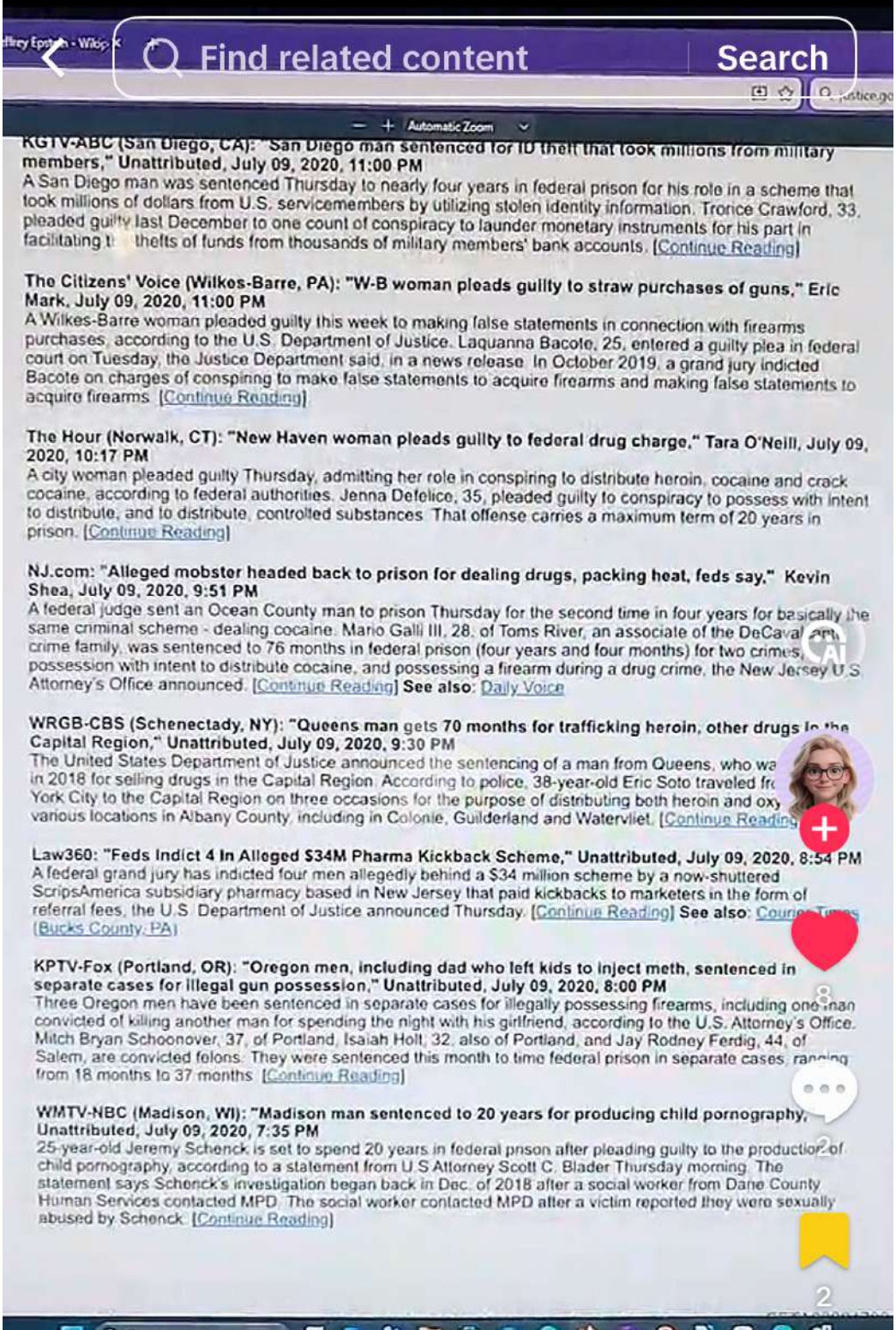

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A San Diego man was sentenced Thursday to nearly four years in federal prison for his role in a scheme that took millions of dollars from U.S. servicemembers by utilizing stolen identity information. Tronce Crawford, 33, pleaded guilty last December to one count of conspiracy to launder monetary instruments for his part in facilitating t thefts of funds from thousands of military members' bank accounts. [Continue Reading]

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A Wilkes-Barre woman pleaded guilty this week to making false statements in connection with firearms purchases, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Laquanna Bacote, 25, entered a guilty plea in federal court on Tuesday, the Justice Department said, in a news release. In October 2019, a grand jury indicted Bacote on charges of conspiring to make false statements to acquire firearms and making false statements to acquire firearms. [Continue Reading]

The Hour (Norwalk, CT): "New Haven woman pleads guilty to federal drug charge," Tara O'Neill, July 09, 2020, 10:17 PM
A city woman pleaded guilty Thursday, admitting her role in conspiring to distribute heroin, cocaine and crack cocaine, according to federal authorities. Jenna Defelice, 35, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, controlled substances. That offense carries a maximum term of 20 years in prison. [Continue Reading]

NJ.com: "Alleged mobster headed back to prison for dealing drugs, packing heat, feds say," Kevin Shea, July 09, 2020, 9:51 PM
A federal judge sent an Ocean County man to prison Thursday for the second time in four years for basically the same criminal scheme - dealing cocaine. Mario Galli III, 28, of Toms River, an associate of the DeCavalcante crime family, was sentenced to 76 months in federal prison (four years and four months) for two crimes, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and possessing a firearm during a drug crime, the New Jersey U.S. Attorney's Office announced. [Continue Reading] See also: Daily Voice

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The United States Department of Justice announced the sentencing of a man from Queens, who wa in 2018 for selling drugs in the Capital Region. According to police, 38-year-old Eric Soto traveled fr York City to the Capital Region on three occasions for the purpose of distributing both heroin and oxy various locations in Albany County, including in Colonie, Guilderland and Watervliet. [Continue Reading

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A federal grand jury has indicted four men allegedly behind a $34 million scheme by a now-shuttered ScripsAmerica subsidiary pharmacy based in New Jersey that paid kickbacks to marketers in the form of referral fees, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Thursday. [Continue Reading] See also: Courier Times (Bucks County, PA)

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Three Oregon men have been sentenced in separate cases for illegally possessing firearms, including one man convicted of killing another man for spending the night with his girlfriend, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Mitch Bryan Schoonover, 37, of Portland, Isaiah Holt, 32, also of Portland, and Jay Rodney Ferdig, 44, of Salem, are convicted felons. They were sentenced this month to time federal prison in separate cases, ranging from 18 months to 37 months. [Continue Reading]

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25-year-old Jeremy Schenck is set to spend 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to the production of child pornography, according to a statement from U.S Attorney Scott C. Blader Thursday morning. The statement says Schenck's investigation began back in Dec. of 2018 after a social worker from Dane County Human Services contacted MPD. The social worker contacted MPD after a victim reported they were sexually abused by Schenck. [Continue Reading]

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A West Virginia mail carrier is facing prison time after admitting he attempted election fraud by changing the party registrations of people who had requested absentee ballots for the state's June primary, officials announced Thursday. Thomas Cooper, 47, of Dry Fork signed an agreement in which he pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to defraud the residents of West Virginia of a fair election and one count of injury to the mail. [Continue Reading] **See also**: Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Pittsburgh, PA), WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV)

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A Whitesville man was sentenced to federal prison for his second child pornography offense and possessing a firearm despite being a convicted felon, United States Attorney Mike Stuart announced. Daniel Runion was sentenced to 12 and a half years in prison for possession of child pornography and being a felon in possession of a firearm. [Continue Reading]

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A professor with ties to a controversial group that the Trump administration has accused of stealing U.S intellectual property was charged with grant fraud, according to an indictment unsealed Thursday. Song G. Zheng, 57, a rheumatology professor and researcher at the Ohio State University, was arrested in late May, the Justice Department said. [Continue Reading] **See also**: Bloomberg, Bloomberg Law, Columbus Dispatch (Columbus, OH), Daily Beast, WSYX-ABC (Columbia, OH)

KUSA-NBC (Denver, CO): "Colorado man pleads guilty to possessing more than 10,500 child r Amanda Kesting, July 09, 2020, 7:00 PM (EDT)
A man has pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography after investigators found an organized more than 10,500 child porn images and videos in his home, the District Attorney for the 17th Judici said Thursday. Colorado's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force began investigating Ja Hoesen, 46, in December 2018. [Continue Reading]

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Another indictment was handed down in the large, ongoing federal investigation into the failure of the First NBC bank. A federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging Metairie businessman Warren G Trem conspiracy to commit bank fraud. [Continue Reading]

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Canadian fashion executive Peter J. Nygard and his companies urged a New York federal judge on Wednesday to dismiss the claims of 52 of the 57 women accusing him of sex trafficking and rape, saying the allegations lack any connection to New York. [Continue Reading]

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The coronavirus pandemic hardly fazed a Rockland doctor who with his wife continued to collect bribes and kickbacks in exchange for ordering millions of dollars in genetic tests, federal authorities said Thursday. Yitzachok "Barry" Kurtzer, 60, of Monsey operated an office in Scranton, PA, as did another physician, Lee Besen, 64, of Waverly, PA, U.S. Attorney for New Jersey Craig Carpenito said. [Continue Reading]

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Federal prosecutors said a 33-year-old Pomona Park man tried soliciting at least three children to engag for money, according to an indictment released Thursday by the U.S. Attorney's Office. A grand jury charged

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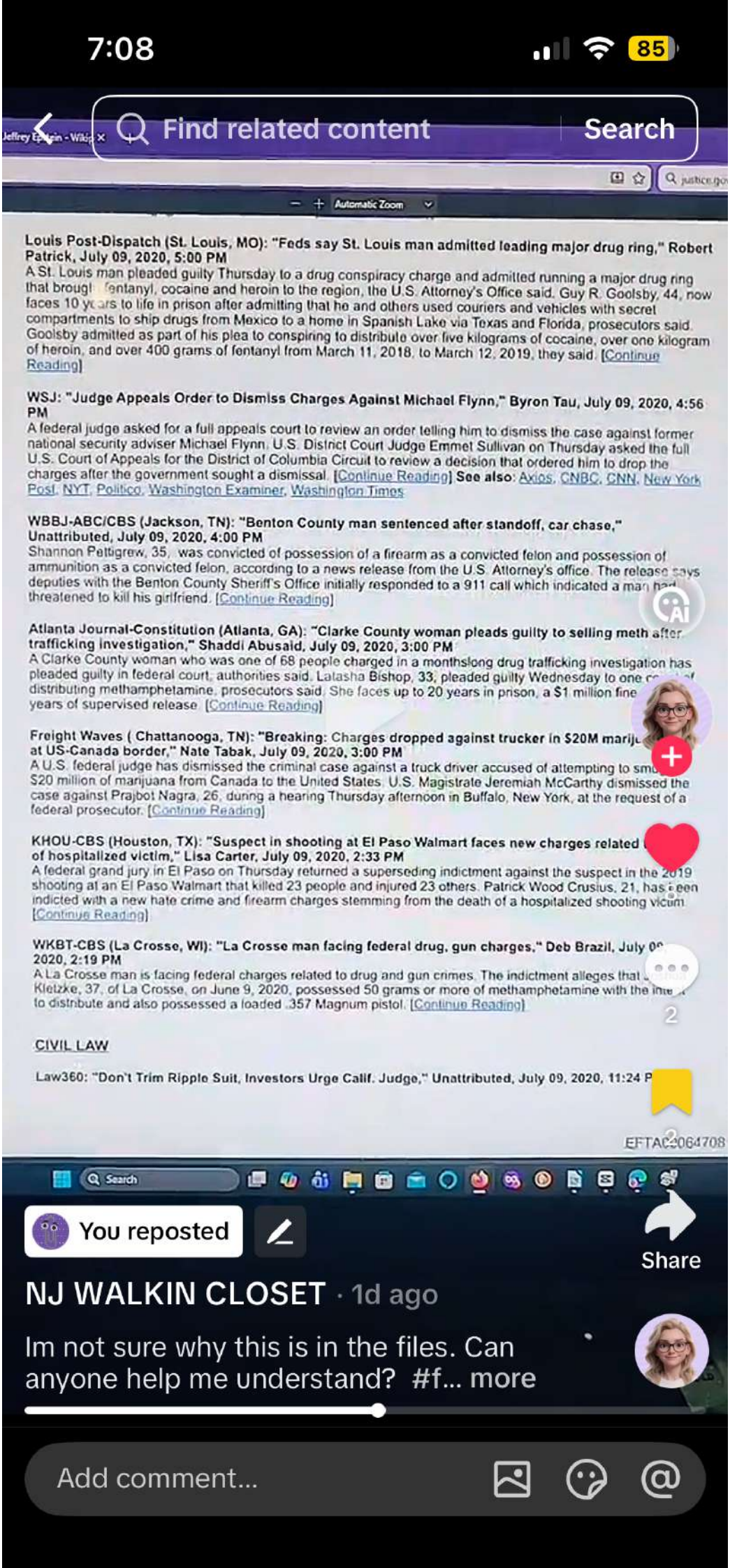
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A St. Louis man pleaded guilty Thursday to a drug conspiracy charge and admitted running a major drug ring that brought fentanyl, cocaine and heroin to the region, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. Guy R. Goolsby, 44, now faces 10 years to life in prison after admitting that he and others used couriers and vehicles with secret compartments to ship drugs from Mexico to a home in Spanish Lake via Texas and Florida, prosecutors said. Goolsby admitted as part of his plea to conspiring to distribute over five kilograms of cocaine, over one kilogram of heroin, and over 400 grams of fentanyl from March 11, 2018, to March 12, 2019, they said. [Continue Reading]
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A federal judge asked for a full appeals court to review an order telling him to dismiss the case against former national security adviser Michael Flynn. U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan on Thursday asked the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to review a decision that ordered him to drop the charges after the government sought a dismissal. [Continue Reading] See also: Axios, CNBC, CNN, New York Post, NYT, Politico, Washington Examiner, Washington Times
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Shannon Pettigrew, 35, was convicted of possession of a firearm as a convicted felon and possession of ammunition as a convicted felon, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's office. The release says deputies with the Benton County Sheriff's Office initially responded to a 911 call which indicated a man had threatened to kill his girlfriend. [Continue Reading]
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A Clarke County woman who was one of 68 people charged in a monthslong drug trafficking investigation has pleaded guilty in federal court, authorities said. Latasha Bishop, 33, pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of distributing methamphetamine, prosecutors said. She faces up to 20 years in prison, a $1 million fine and years of supervised release. [Continue Reading]
Freight Waves (Chattanooga, TN): "Breaking: Charges dropped against trucker in $20M marijuana at US-Canada border," Nate Tabak, July 09, 2020, 3:00 PM
A U.S. federal judge has dismissed the criminal case against a truck driver accused of attempting to smuggle $20 million of marijuana from Canada to the United States. U.S. Magistrate Jeremiah McCarthy dismissed the case against Prajbot Nagra, 26, during a hearing Thursday afternoon in Buffalo, New York, at the request of a federal prosecutor. [Continue Reading]
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A federal grand jury in El Paso on Thursday returned a superseding indictment against the suspect in the 2019 shooting at an El Paso Walmart that killed 23 people and injured 23 others. Patrick Wood Crusius, 21, has been indicted with a new hate crime and firearm charges stemming from the death of a hospitalized shooting victim. [Continue Reading]
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A La Crosse man is facing federal charges related to drug and gun crimes. The indictment alleges that Jason Kletzke, 37, of La Crosse, on June 9, 2020, possessed 50 grams or more of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and also possessed a loaded .357 Magnum pistol. [Continue Reading]
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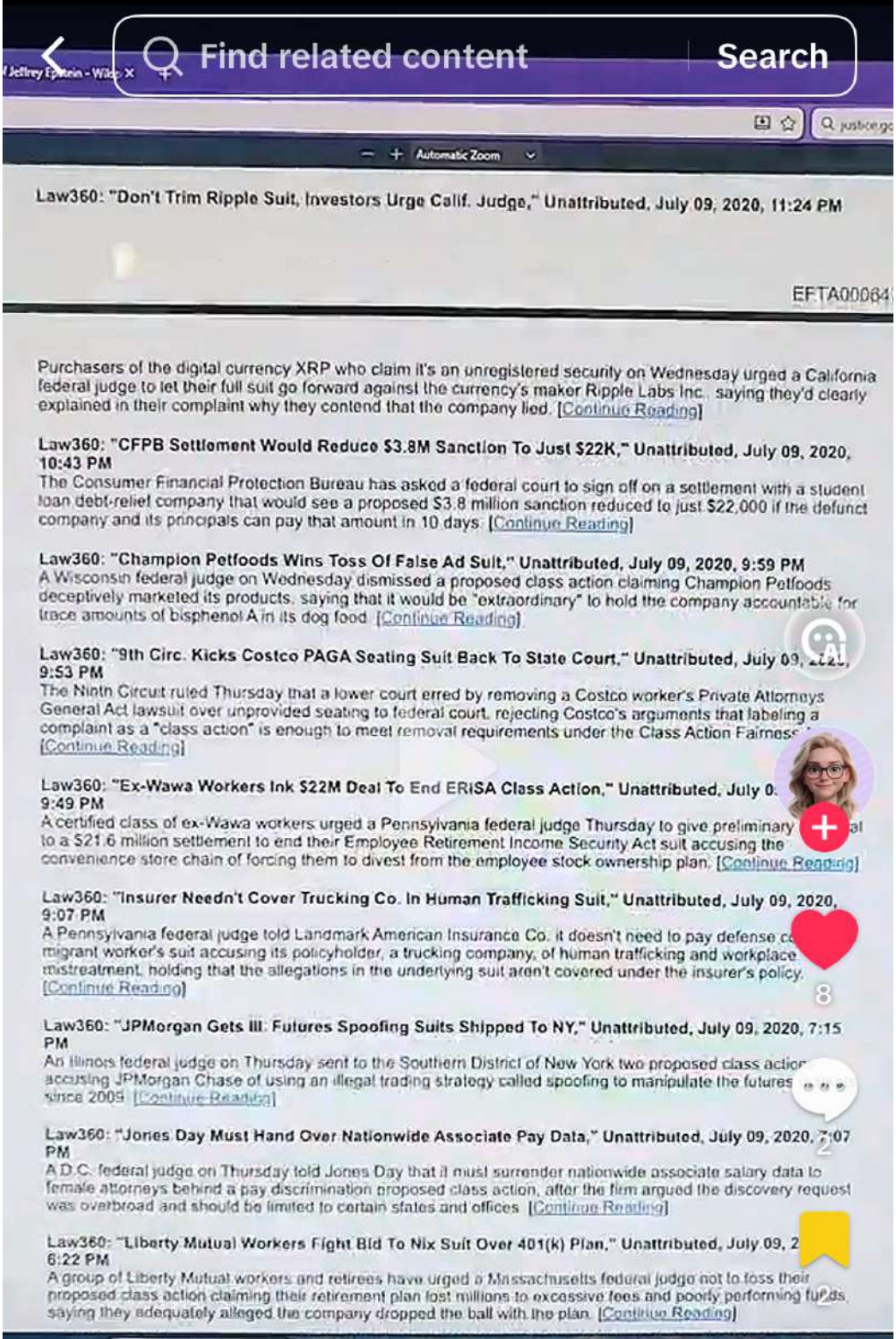

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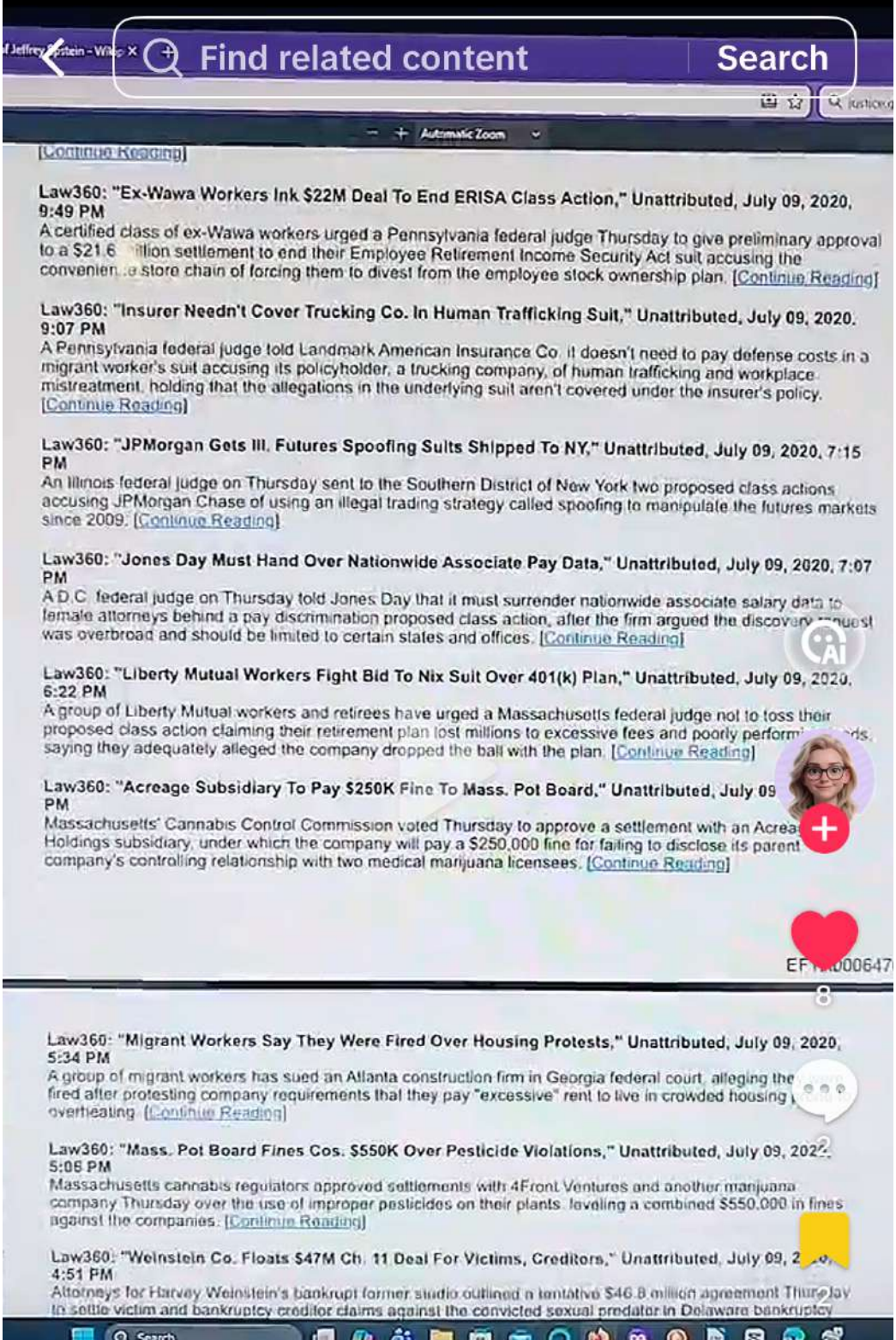
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Kik Interactive Inc.'s digital token sale came under scrutiny in a New York court, when a judge pressed a decision maker if it followed securities laws in what the SEC said was an illegal $100 million initial coin offering. Judge Alvin Hellerstein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York asked Kik to explain why the token called Kin wasn't a security during oral argument in a case over the sale Thursday. [Continue Reading]

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Williams-Sonoma Inc. is asking a California federal court to send to arbitration a proposed class action alleging the company misled consumers about the thread count of its bedding, saying the proposed class representative agreed to arbitration when she made her purchases as recently as the day before she joined the suit. In a motion filed Wednesday, Williams-Sonoma told the court that Elizabeth Perlin, who was added in the suit's eighth amended complaint in June, made more than 150 purchases, and each time was warned that making the purchase meant agreeing to the site's terms and conditions. [Continue Reading]

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Sephora USA Inc. allegedly shared customer data without permission to determine shoppers' likelihood of fraudulently returning product purchases, according to a proposed class action in California. Sephora's data sharing with The Retail Equation Inc. led to a "risk score" that resulted in the cosmetics retailer denying returns, the suit filed July 7 in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California claims. [Continue Reading]

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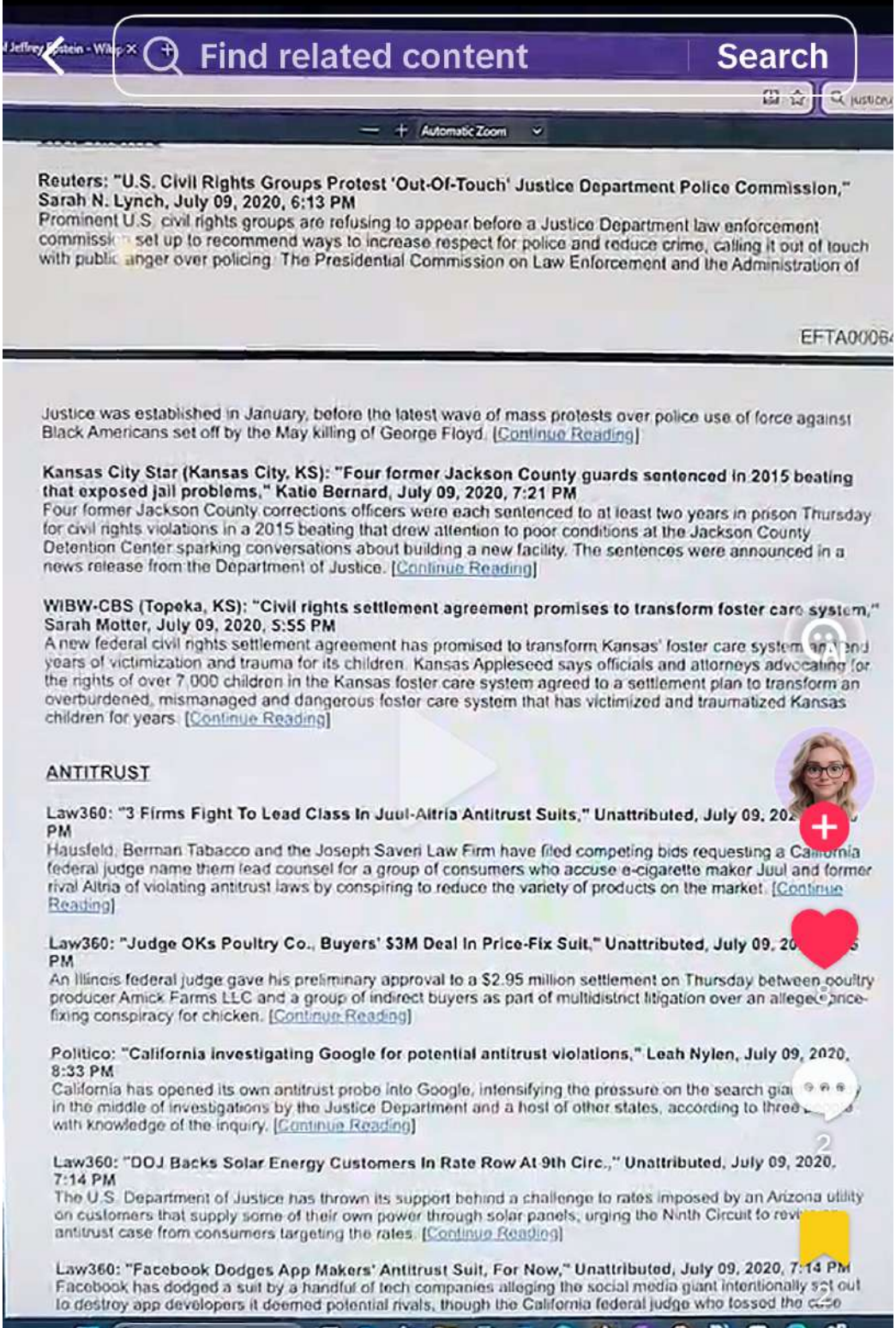

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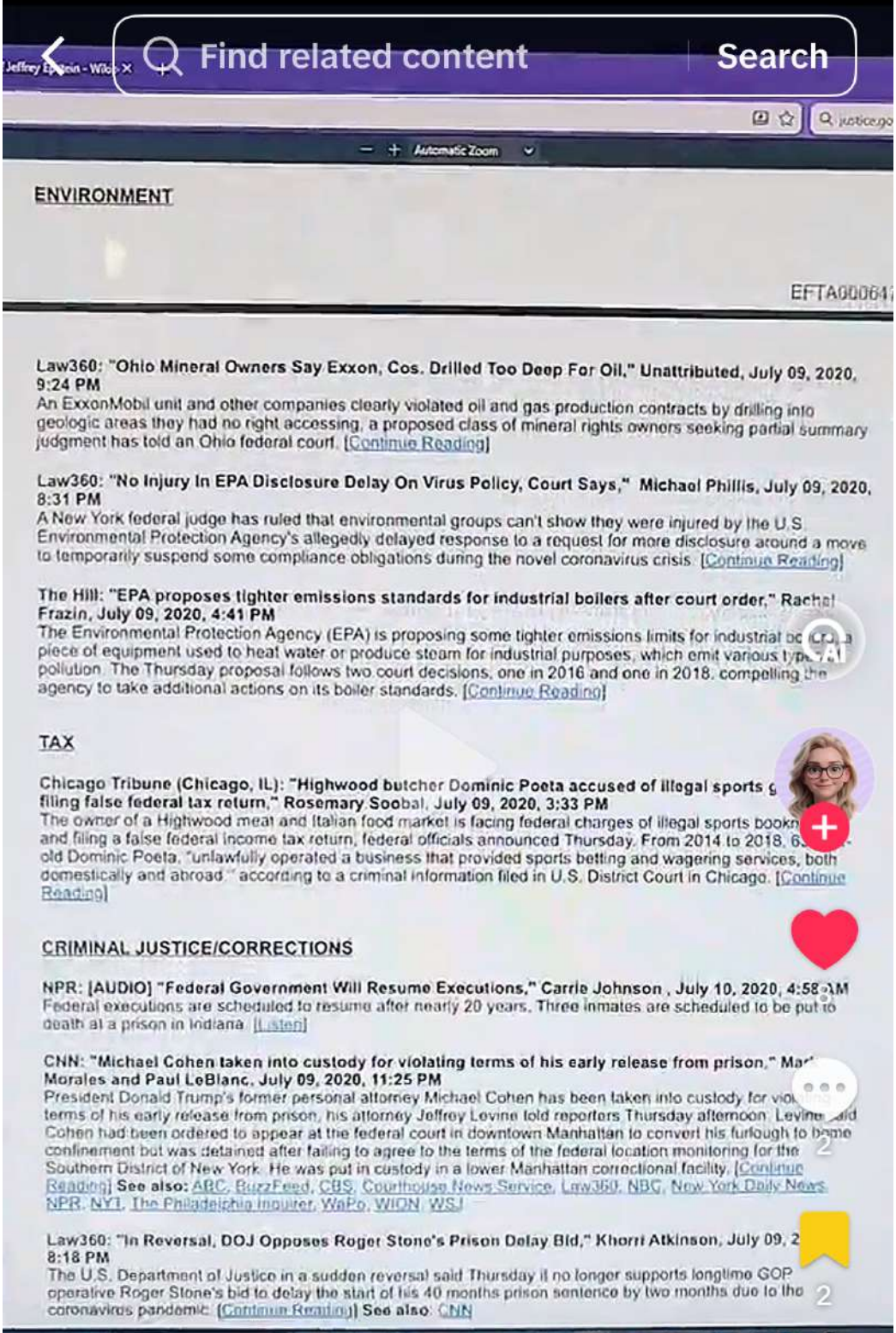

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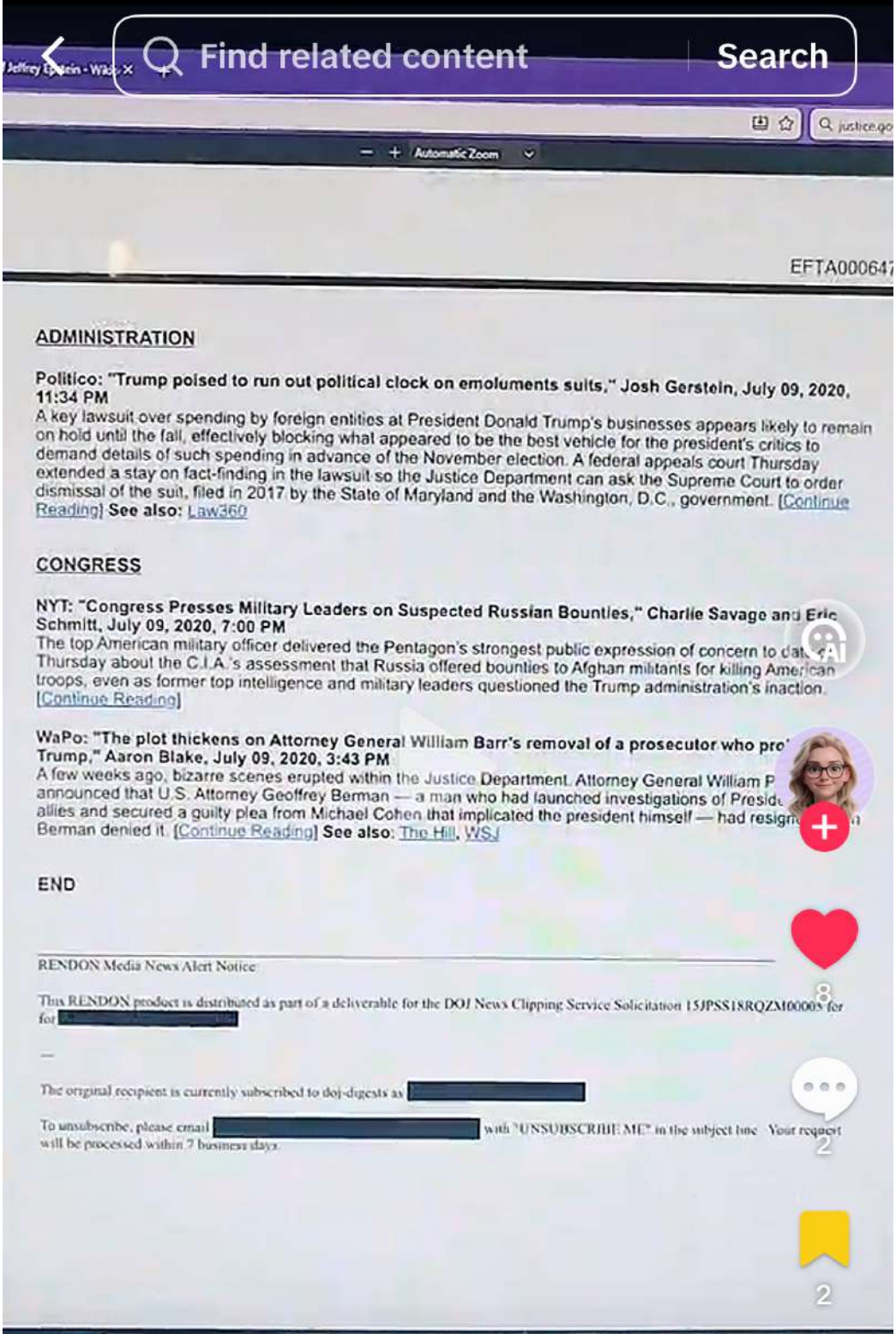

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